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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to identify information relating to the international application and priority application of the present application.

Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 1 refers to formula "(1)". However, the formula in claim 1 was not previously identified by reference numeral "(1)". Claim 1 has been amended to correct this minor informality.

In the action, claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and claims 4 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Endo et al. (The Journal of Biological Chemistry (1982) Vol. 257, No. 15, pages 8755-8760) and Barsomian et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,238,821), respectively. Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11 and 12 are allowed.

Rejected claims 4, 5 and 10 have been canceled in order to place the present application in condition for allowance. Such cancellation is made without admitting the propriety of the rejections and without prejudice to applicants' right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter thereof.

Issuance of a Notice of Allowability and Notice of Allowance is believed to be in order and is respectfully solicited.

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The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2006, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

In the event any additional fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

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